THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AF FAIRS (SHRI K: R. NARAYANAN):

(a) Most Western countries did not express approval of the ITS action. However, the UK, France, Denmark and Australia voted along with U.S.A. against the Nonaligned resolution in the Security Council. The U.N. Sec retary General has been making every effort to defuse the situation.

(b) The Warsaw Pact powers were extremely critical of >'-he US action and in the Security Council both USSR and Bulgaria voted in favour of the Nonaligned Resolution.

Freedom Fighters' Pension for the participants of Hyderabad Mukti Sangram

1333. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHA-VRAO JADHAV): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS fee pleased to state:

(a) how, many cases are pending" for. the grant of freedom fighters' pensions for those who participated in Hyderabad Mukti Sangram who were jailed or went underground; and

(b) by what time they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Approximately 7000 cases from Ex-Hyderabad Region are pending as on 31-3-1986.

(b) With a view to dispose of cases of claims of participants in this struggle during 1947-48, a non-official Committee called the Hyderabad Special Screening Commi-tee has been set up to scrutinise such claims and this Committee has already started its work. As regards claims of jail sufferings, such cases are being disposed of in consultation with the State Govts., concerned etc. No time limit can be fixed for disposal of all pending cases. Efforts are however, being made to clear all such cases by the end of March, 1987.

Renewal of French proposal for Licence production of Mirage-2009

1334. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV.- Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 815 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the French producers of Mirage-2000 aircraft have renewed their proposal for licence production of this aircraft in India;

(b) whether Government have accepted this offer; if so what are the terms and conditions of the new deal
signed between the two countries-ancl

(c) whether the Marcel Dassault had delivered the first lot of the air' craft in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sic

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Criminal escaping from Tihar Jail

1335. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased 'to state:

(a) the number of criminals who escaped from Tihar Jail during' the last three years;

(b) the names of the criminals and the period of punishment they were to undergo in Tihar at the time of escape;

(c) whether any action has been taken against concerned officials in each case;

(d) how many of the escaped criminals were re-arrested; and

(e) the number of those who could not be arrested so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ^SHRr RAM NIWAS MIRDHA). (a) 14 criminals escaped from Tihar Jail during the last 3 years.